

Department of Transportation Specimen Shipping Regulations

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Shipping:

When shipping specimens to the State PHL, you must follow the appropriate regulations for infectious materials. The following sources are to be used for shipping and mailing regulations:

1. International air transport association (IATA) - Dangerous Goods Regulations ED 43
<http://www.iata.org> <<http://www.iata.org>>
2. US Postal Service - Domestic Mail Manual Section CO23
<http://www.access.gpo.gov/ecfr/>
3. US Dept of Transportation – Federal Register, published August 14, 2002 – Part III
49 CFR part 171, Hazardous Materials: Revision to standards for infectious substances
<http://pe.usps.gov/text/DMM/C023.htm> - Rap20487

Documented trained personnel should handle the packaging and shipping of infectious materials

The Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations became effective Feb. 14, 2003 and the Post Office regulations were required for use by Jan. 2004. The IATA regulations were finalized June 6, 2003

Additional websites

<<http://www.usps.com/cpim/ftp/pubs/>>
<<http://www.fedex.com/us/services/ground/addservopt/hazmat/>>
<<http://www.fedex.com/us/services/customcritical/whiteglove/hazardous.html>>